

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Dec. 8, is paper. Put items in paper bags, boxes or bundles and place them on the curb.

Harford Gate hours extended

During the upcoming holiday season the operational hours for the Harford Gate (Rt. 22) in the Aberdeen Area will change slightly. Effective Monday, Dec. 6, that gate will remain open until 10 p.m. each weeknight. There will be no change to the gate operational hours on weekends or holidays, nor is there any change to gate operations in the Edgewood Area.

As a reminder, the Harford Gate is only for US Government ID card holders. All others must use the Maryland Gate and Visitors Center to enter APG.

Thrift Shop Bag Sale

The Thrift Shop will hold a \$2 bag sale through Dec 16.

The Thrift Shop will be closed Dec. 17 through Jan. 5.

For more information, call 410-272-8572.

Winter coat drive underway

A winter coat drive will be held through Dec. 17. Winter is fast approaching and many are in need of a coat or jacket.

Help someone in need keep the chill off during the upcoming winter months. Many people have one or two articles in their closets that have not been worn in a year or more.

Allow someone in need to use these items.

Donate coats and other clothes and food items to those in need. Drop off points include the Post Chapel, PX and the Commissary.

For more information, call Spc. James Hyde at 410-278-4333 or Staff Sgt. Brian Adams at 410-278-3000.

USFHP open forum Dec. 8

An open forum will be offered 1 to 2 p.m. and 2 to 3 p.m., Dec. 8, in the NCO Room at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center, building 3326, on the corner of Raritan and Erie streets.

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APG garrison leads Elkton Veterans Day ceremony



Aberdeen Proving Ground Garrison Command Sgt Maj. Elvis Irby places a wreath of remembrance on the war memorial in front of the Elkton National Guard Armory during the Veterans Day ceremony hosted by Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8175 Nov. 13.

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

"Let us not forget ... this great way of life with all its freedom does not come without cost."

With these solemn words of prayer, Aberdeen Proving Ground garrison chaplain, Col. William D. Willett, opened the Veterans Day remembrance ceremony held at the Elkton National Guard Armory Nov. 13.

Col. John T. Wright, APG garrison and deputy installation commander was the guest speaker.

The outdoor event, held on a bright, breezy day, included a wreath laying ceremony led by APG Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Elvis Irby, and a posting of the colors by the Headquarters Support Troop honor guard led by Sgt. Anthony Basi.

Charlie McCoy, commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8175 hosted the ceremony.

Wright remarked on the tradition of remembering America's armed forces, noting that the Tomb of the Unknowns in Washington, D.C. was dedicated on Nov. 11 40 years ago.

"It's important that we recognize the contributions of men and women who have served our great nation," Wright said. "The tomb serves as a reminder to all Americans."

He said that service members are presently serving in more than 120 nations.

"Like their predecessors, they are facing challenges on a daily basis, yet displaying a warrior spirit," Wright said.

"American Soldier warriors also offer an extended hand of help and compassion in helping the newly liberated people of Iraq," he added.

He said "the Global War on Terror is one that will not be

won quickly," and noted that those fighting "on the front line of freedom include 81,000 National Guard and hundreds of reservists."

Wright commented on the support elements in place to assist America's war fighters, citing the task of the Joint Personal Effects Depot located at APG, which processes the personal belongings of those lost and injured in the Global War on Terror, and the accomplishments of thousands of veteran service organizations and volunteers.

"America is fortunate to have so many organizations to provide assistance to our Soldiers and their families," Wright said. "God bless those who have answered the call and God bless the USA."

Joined by representatives from the VFW and American Legion, Irby laid a memorial wreath as the Post 8175 salute squad fired a round of volleys recognizing the 17 Cecil County service members lost in past wars.

The Elkton Town/High School band, led by Paul Humphrey, provided musical selections, and buglers Roger Church and Danny and Andrew Reynolds closed the program with "Taps."

Members and guests adjourned to Post 8175 for a meal provided by the Ladies Auxiliary after the program.

McCoy thanked all participants and guests for "coming out on this beautiful day."

"You couldn't ask for better weather after all the rain yesterday," McCoy said. "My thanks to all who supported this effort to honor our veterans."

"We appreciate the Soldiers of Aberdeen Proving Ground taking time to join in our program," added Thomas Haley, Post 8175 quartermaster. "It adds greater meaning just having them here."

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New Secretary of the Army is sworn in

ARNEWS

Dr. Francis J. Harvey was sworn in at the Pentagon as the 19th Secretary of the Army Nov. 19.

"This is a great honor for me. My top priority will be to serve our Soldiers, civilian employees and family members of the Active Component, Army Reserve and Army National Guard," Harvey said. "I look forward to working with the Secretary of Defense, the Army Chief of Staff, Gen. Pete Schoomaker, and the Army senior leadership as we fight the Global War on Terrorism while continuing to transform the force."

The Senate confirmed President George Bush's nomination of Harvey Nov. 16.

"It's great to have Dr. Harvey on board as our secretary," said Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker, the Army chief of staff. "Dr. Harvey has a wealth of experience leading large organizations with diverse work forces, managing major programs and leading technology development. His education and industry experi-

ence will serve us well as he leads our Army in this window of strategic opportunity."

As Secretary of the Army, Harvey has statutory responsibility for all matters relating to Army manpower, personnel, reserve affairs, installations, environmental issues, weapons systems and equipment acquisition, communications and financial management. He is responsible for the department's annual budget of \$98.5 billion, and leads a work force of more than one million active duty, Army National Guard, and Army Reserve Soldiers, 220,000 civilian employees, thousands of contractors, and has stewardship over 15 million acres of land.

Prior to his appointment, Harvey was a business executive with broad experience centered on the defense industry. He held various professional, management and executive positions within the Westinghouse Corporation from 1969 to 1997, including president of the Electronics Systems Group, president of

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CFC nears goal

Robert Solyan
CFC Chairman

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Combined Federal Campaign has collected \$275,914.55 to date. That is 84.8 percent toward the installation goal of \$325,000.

The next drawing for the large and small "Fort McHenry" Chris White prints will be on Nov. 30 and will include entries submitted by noon of that date. To enter, write contributor's name, activity and phone number on the back of the pledge card tear strip.

The 2004 Contributor's Guide for national/international organizations is at Website <http://www.cfcmd.org>. Paper copies of the guide and pledge cards are available from each organization key worker or at the APG CFC office.

For more information, visit the APG CFC office at building 120, room 114, or call Robert Solyan, Lisa Mack, or Betty Scott at 410-278-0001/0002/0003.



Sgt. Andrew Bingham, left, a noncommissioned officer assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, accepts a Thanksgiving basket and turkey from Capt. Kermit Thomas, far right, company commander. The unit raised hundreds in donations to assist 10 families for the holiday.

HHC 61st gives Thanksgiving baskets to Soldiers

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Bearing in mind the financial strain the holiday season can place on Soldier's wallets, leadership elements of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 61st Ordnance Brigade, went out of their way to make sure that its Soldiers had a bountiful Thanksgiving.

Capt. Kermit Thomas, company commander, and 1st Sgt. Norma Morant, gave 10 baskets, overflowing with turkeys and all the trimmings,

to Soldiers assigned to the unit during separate presentations at the unit's orderly room, Nov. 24.

Thomas said the unit's officers warrants officers, NCOs, Soldiers and civilians began collecting donations about three weeks ago, out of concern for some families who may be feeling the "holiday pinch."

"The commander, first sergeant and platoon sergeants are the ones most aware of a Soldier's financial situation," Thomas said, noting that

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The APG News salutes veterans

Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In honor of Veterans Day and the thousands of veterans residing within the Aberdeen Proving Ground community, the APG News has been focusing its November issues on veterans interests and services.

This week's issue concludes the series honoring veterans with coverage of local Veterans Day observances and a glimpse at Harford and Cecil county veteran service organizations and the community-focused work they conduct for veterans, service members and

youth organizations.

The APG News will continue its efforts to educate veterans and its readers on veterans' issues in the Veterans Voices section of the paper.

To view the previous three Veterans special issues, visit www.apgnews.apg.army.mil.



Recognizing excellence on APG

APG testers, evaluators part of team award



Photo by SGT. JEREMIAH JOHNSON
A Stryker Infantry Carrier Vehicle of Comanche Company, 1-23rd Infantry, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division Stryker Brigade Combat Team drives through an area of Mosul, Iraq, where the unit conducted a search of a cemetery on May 13.

Mike Cast
DTC

The Army's Developmental Test Command, whose test centers across the United States help ensure that everything from Soldiers' personal gear to technologically sophisticated weapon systems perform well in the field, received the Army Superior Unit Award, as did other Army Test and Evaluation Command organizations, for the period August 2002 to February 2004.

Brig. Gen. James Myles, ATEC's commander, cited past and ongoing test support for the Army's Stryker family of wheeled combat vehicles as a

principal reason his command received the award.

Key to that support were the efforts of DTC and its Aberdeen Test Center, both headquartered at Aberdeen Proving Ground, and DTC's other test centers throughout the United States.

"During this critical time period, ATEC successfully tested the Stryker armored vehicle, the Army's newest combat vehicle, which enabled a rapid Army deployment decision is support of Operation Iraqi Freedom," Myles wrote in a memorandum recommending the award.

Fielding of the Stryker rep-

resented a paradigm shift from how the Army traditionally develops, tests and procures weapons systems.

It took only four years from former Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki's vision of a lighter, more rapidly deployable force, to fielding Stryker, the centerpiece of that vision. That is less than half the time it traditionally takes to introduce new equipment into the field.

Acknowledging this achievement, the award citation reads in part: "Through the command leadership at the headquarters and eight geographically separated test centers, Army Test and Evaluation Command organized tasks, developed new test technologies, and efficiently executed over one million man-hours of testing to rapidly produce the information essential to support the Army's Stryker deployment decision. [ATEC] testing regarding safety, suitability, survivability and effectiveness directly supported our Soldiers at war. As a result of our efforts, the Army is making the Army's vision of a more deployable force a reality in just four years."

As recognition for the award, DTC attached an ASUA streamer to its colors during change of command ceremonies Oct 27.

ATC employee awarded for test, evaluation excellence

Susan Hagan
ATC (ATSS)

A general engineer at the U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center was awarded the Dr. Marion R. Bryson Award for Test and Evaluation Excellence at the Army T&E Days conference held in Huntsville, Ala., in September.

"It's a big deal," said Col. Mary Brown, ATC commander, said of the award. "It involves testing excellence."

Dr. Samuel F. Harley is the principal instrumentation development scientist and program technical manager for the Versatile Information System Integrated, Online (VISION) system. He is currently leading the team charged with development and deployment of VISION.

"When I was first informed of my selection for the Marion Bryson Award I had just finished reading a Web article covering U.S. Soldier activities in Afghanistan and Iraq," Harley said. "I was hit by the realization that anything that I or the VISION team accomplishes pales in comparison to what they do every day in defense of our safety and free-

dom. I believe we in the T&E community play a vital role in equipping U.S. warfighters, and that we should never forget that our only claim to relevance is tied to this role."

VISION is a technology system for the acquisition and management of test data that places all sources of data into a single information system that in real time provides information to all qualified parties. The system provides a comprehensive record of information to key decision-makers before the final reports are released.

VISION can be described as a three layer system. In the first or data acquisition layer, test data is collected and stored. The middle layer is the host system, which provides the interface, data collection and preliminary fusion from the data acquisition layer, and forwards it to the third layer, the VISION Digital Library (VDL), an information management system.

The VDL manages and fuses information forwarded from the instrumentation as well as information regarding Reliability, Availability, Maintainability/Integrated

Logistics Support, weather, video and photography, and project management issues.

"We believe VISION to be a giant leap forward for T&E capabilities and it is certainly gratifying to have this work recognized by others," Harley said. "I have been singled out as the 'VISION guy,' but I know that without the dedication and ingenuity of others working on this project we would not have experienced the successes we have achieved...VISION successes are the result of team effort."

The Dr. Marion R. Bryson Award for Test and Evaluation Excellence is presented to an individual who has made significant contributions to the T&E and Acquisition communities. Criteria for award nominees includes: having a minimum of 10 years experience in Army T&E, having developed and promoted innovative techniques and visionary approaches with broad applicability to T&E processes throughout his or her career, and evidence of contributions in the form of solutions to real world T&E problems resulting in measurable benefits to supported acquisition programs.

Enlisted Records staff earns thanks from unit

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

The U.S. Army Ordnance Center and School's 16th Ordnance Battalion proved that it not only values its Soldiers but the civilians who support them as well. On Nov. 9, Lt. Col. Richard Parker, battalion commander, and Command Sgt. Maj. William Hart presented Battalion Certificates of Achievement to four contract personnel in the Personnel Service Work Center, Enlisted Records Section, as thanks for their support during the master sergeant and sergeant first class Centralized Selection Board individual record review process.

"These employees went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure all eligible noncommissioned officer records were properly updated prior to being sent to the centralized board," said David G. Burdick, APG adjutant general. The recipients are employees of SI International, Inc., which is under contract to the U.S. Army Garrison Adjutant Office," Burdick said. "They reviewed about 500 enlisted records over a five month period while still performing their regular duties of screening personnel through in and out-processing. The recipients were Jean Flores, Lolitha Hayward, Denise Cathey, and Joyce Johnson. The four processed 178 records for appearance before the E-8 Promotion Board and 296 for the E-7 board.

Burdick credited the group led by Flores, with devising the plans to review all OC&S and permanent party Soldiers, including those assigned to remote sights like Natick, Mass., Fort Belvoir, Va., and Redstone Arsenal, Ala.

"What we did was make up a package consisting of a memo listing criteria for selection, then a unit schedule for appointments as well as a make-up schedule for those who couldn't make it the first time," Flores said.

"This year the process went to an automated records board," Burdick added. "Most of the review is done online through an automated site. Soldiers validate their actual submissions from here through their Army Knowledge Online account.

Flores said that to ensure all customers' needs were met, she went a step further and tracked the system to ensure all Soldiers had validated within the required time frame.

"The Soldier is ultimately responsible for validation, but we like to double-check in case someone needs a reminder or in case there's a glitch that didn't record a validation for some reason," Flores said.

The clerks consistently "go above requirements and agreements," Burdick said. "They

are fully deserving of this reward."

Other challenges during the review period, which lasted from May to October, included in-processing junior and senior permanent party enlisted noncommissioned officers ETSing, PCSing and retiring.

"We have to set priorities and Department of the Army selection boards to take priority when we have a Soldier Selection Board in progress," said Denise Cathey, personnel services enlisted records.

"We enjoy the work, she added. When a Soldier's records are messed up there's satisfaction in knowing I helped make it look better and that they are satisfied," she said.

"We don't get certificates often, and we really don't expect it," Flores said. "We are here to take care of them. When we update, we educate. We show them things everyone should know about managing their records. That's power they can take with them to their next assignment."

Two satisfied customers agreed that they've come to expect superior service at the Enlisted Records office located on the ground floor of the Janet Barr Processing Center, in building 4305.

"This office has been very helpful, their customer service goes well beyond what you'd expect," said Sgt. 1st Class Dean D. Francis, a senior drill sergeant with Company B, 16th Ordnance Battalion who was selected for the E-8 promotion list in September.

Staff Sgt. Marquest O'Neil, a professional development instructor who's records go before the centralized promotion board later this month, said the "caring attitude of the personnel made all the difference in preparing his records for review.

"The job they are doing in taking care of Soldiers is tops in my book," O'Neil said. "They really go all out for you."



Jean Flores, right, explains the fine points of preparing a promotion packet for review by the Department of the Army Centralized Selection Board to Staff Sgt. Marquest O'Neil, HHC 16th, in the Enlisted Records section.

Scientist receives prestigious award

Jason Huffine
CMA

An Aberdeen Proving Ground physical scientist received one of the U.S. Army's top civilian service awards.

Steven T. Bird, with the U.S. Army Non-Stockpile Chemical Materiel Program, received the Superior Civilian Service Award during a ceremony Oct. 26.

With his peers in attendance Bird listened as Kevin Flamm, program manager for the

Elimination of Chemical Weapons, and Bill Brankowitz, NSCMP deputy manager, presented the Racine, Wis., native, the award.

Bird received the award for his extraordinary management and leadership in establishing policy, procedures and operations to respond to recoveries of Department of Defense and Department of Army chemical warfare materiel," said Flamm as he read Bird's citation from Michael Parker, Director of

the U.S. Army Chemical Materials Agency. "Mr. Bird is a dedicated manager and leader whose personnel involvement, commitment to the mission and the goals of the NSCMP are without equal."

Bird smiled and expressed his appreciation to those who made the award possible.

Bird has served the Army as an active-duty Soldier or a government civilian employee for more than 19 years. During

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ARL holds 10th annual Honorary Awards Ceremony

Sheryl Coleman
ARL

The U.S. Army Research Laboratory conducted its 10th Annual Honorary Awards Ceremony at Top of the Bay Nov. 4.

Host John M. Miller, director, ARL, commended all ARL employees for their hard work and dedication in providing the best possible service to the Soldiers throughout the nation. The ARL Honorary Awards Program recognizes individuals throughout the laboratory for their highest level of achievement and performance.

Miller and other ARL directors presented a crystal plaque and lapel pin to the winners in each category.

A reception in honor of all the award winners was held immediately following the ceremony.

Administrative Excellence

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Avoiding collisions with animals on APG



Photo by George Neil
A buck looks up from grazing near a busy APG road.

Slowing down is the best defense

DSHE

Drivers on Aberdeen Proving Ground often see deer grazing in grassy areas near the road, especially at dawn and dusk. Several hundred collisions occur on certain sections of busy roads, such as Maryland Boulevard, every year because of the deer population. Drivers need to exercise caution especially in the twilight hours to avoid such collisions. The cost of a collision usually runs more than \$1,000. Drivers need to be cautious

especially during Eastern Standard Time, when traveling to and from work in the early morning or evening when the deer graze. Defensive driving and obeying the speed limit will help a driver see deer in time to avoid most collisions. Deer seldom travel alone. If a motorist sees two deer expect a third close behind; if three, expect a fourth. Jim Pottie, biologist with the Garrison Directorate of Safety, Health and the Environment's Environment

Conservation and Restoration Division summarizes the purpose of APG's deer hunting program. "We're trying to control the deer herds," he said. "We have between three and four thousand deer on post. Ideally, we'd like to take a thousand deer this season in order to reduce the population." He said hunters at APG are willing assistants to the control efforts. They get to enjoy their sport and APG gets a level of control in the deer herd. Some hunters also enjoy

eating the venison, Pottie said. "At least one family I know uses venison as their primary meat product," he said. "The meat has very little marbling and only peripheral fat. Since it comes from a wild animal it's very lean and low in cholesterol." For those hunters who do not use all of their venison, the Department of Natural Resources has a donation plan, which provides the meat to the homeless through their 'Harvest for the Hungry' program.

FCC provider saves youth from choking



Ann Marie Bogues, Family Child Care provider reenacts performing the Heimlich maneuver on Javon Walker, 4, who choked on a lollipop.

Story and photo by
Meghan Bowen
APG News

When four-year old Javon Walker could not breathe due to the candy lodged in his throat, Family Child Care provider Ann Marie Bogues

knew just what to do; she administered the Heimlich maneuver and saved his life. "His eyes went back [into his head]," Bogues said. "His jaw dropped." Bogues recounted Walker's choking experience, caused by

a round lollipop candy which slid off of the stick and into the back of his throat while visiting the Aberdeen Area FCC office Sept. 14. "He looked pale and bluish," Bogues recalled, and commented on how the other youths in her day care responded. "All of the kids were dead silent; they all knew something was wrong." 'Don't panic' is the first rule, according to Bogues. She described performing the Heimlich maneuver, which was part of her CPR training as an FCC provider. "I patted him firmly on the back and then all his color came back," said Bogues who had never performed the maneuver outside of training. Bogues checked to see if Walker was coherent by calling his name and asking him to identify his sister. "Javonni, Javonni are you ok?" Bogues asked him. "Who's this?" Bogues asked as she pointed to his sister. "That's Sissy," Walker replied. Walker was taken to Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic to be examined and his parents were contacted.

"When I came to pick him up, Javonni just kept saying: 'Mommy I choked on a lollipop,'" said Staff. Sgt. LeAndrea Walker, 361-TRS Air force Detachment 1. "He wouldn't stop talking about how Ann Marie had helped him." Bogues said she kept to the routine for the rest of the day care children and took them back to her house for snack time. "It didn't hit me until about three hours later," Bogues said. Bogues recalled that on Sept. 11, the Saturday before Walker had choked on the lollipop, he had almost drowned in a five-foot pool. "I just want to thank God that he's ok," Bogues said. For her efforts, The Directorate of Safety, Health, and Environment presented a Life Saving Award to Bogues for the 'speedy, calm demeanor' she used to help Walker. The certificate, signed by Jenelle L. Ferguson, safety inspector, also stated that Bogues' actions 'showed the importance of knowing and being able to implement a first

aid technique.' "The FCC was proud to nominate Ann Marie for a job well done," said Beverly Hartgrove, FCC training and curriculum specialist. "It is very well deserved." As for lollipops, like the one Walker received from a courtesy bowl at the FCC building, Bogues has had and will be continuing a "no

candy" policy with her day-care children. "I tell the parents to bring either cake or pizza as a treat for the children's birthdays and special occasions," Bogues said. Bogues stated her feelings about the experience, "It happened. I did it and life goes on."

OC&S recognizes Native American contributions

Story and photo by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Colorful displays and essays highlighted the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' observance of Native American Heritage Month during an award presentation in building 3071 Nov. 23.

Col. Charles Huffman, OC&S assistant chief of staff for Army Reserves, and Sgt. 1st Class Peggy McCormick, equal opportunity advisor, led the presentation of awards.

"We appreciate everyone's participation," Huffman said, noting that the Basic Noncommissioned Officer Course classes, which graduate Jan. 28, "will have another opportunity to participate in the Martin Luther King Observance that month."

The deadline for submissions of essays or displays is Jan. 13. Awards will be presented 2 p.m., Jan 20, in building 3071.

The recipients included:
Display winner, Staff Sgt. Brendan Roberts, small group leader, Basic Non-commissioned Officer Course.

Display runner up, Staff Sgt. Randall Jake, small group

leader, BNCOC Class #539-304.

Essay winner, "Four directions, one voice: a historical look," by Katherine Hill and Lt. Col. Benjamin Hill.

Essay runner-up, "Lakota Language," by Sgt. 1st Class (drill sergeant) Robert Mosholder, Company C 143rd Ordnance Battalion.

The winners agreed the research was rewarding, and the subject easy to grasp.

Roberts said that his display was a combination of contributions by sixteen small group leaders.

"It was a collective decision that just came together," Brendan said. "Everyone contributed something to it."

The display was set up in building 4505.

"I challenged myself and was surprised to win," Mosholder said of his essay on the Lakota language. A Native American of the Sioux nation, Mosholder, also known as Young Bear, said the subject was "near and dear to my heart."

"I love the language and talking about it so it was easy to involve myself," Mosholder said.

Also a Native American of the Kiowa tribe, Jake said he "took up the challenge," and gathered all the research materials himself.

"We're satisfied that it turned out real well," Jake said. "Everyone learned something from it and that's what really counts."

Hill, who collaborated on the essay with his daughter Kathleen, 15, a previous essay award recipient, said the two enjoy working together on projects.

"I can't remember when she wasn't interested in things like this," Hill said.

He added that his daughter regularly participates in community and patriotic-focused activities.

She is currently awaiting a decision in judging for the annual Celebrating Our Veterans contest through the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5337.

"When kids get involved they learn so much in the

process," Hill said.

Excerpts of winning essays

Four directions, one voice: A historical look

Katherine Hill and Lt. Col. Benjamin Hill, MRICD

"Today, our nation's Native Americans inhabit each of the fifty United States. Their convictions have given them a unique place in history ... their convictions have led them to some difficult choices. [Their] choices were made from "the directions" and have guided them to and from their destinies. Within the wind lies a voice, which has guided them to the center of the universe. Such is the belief of Native Americans."

"Lakota Language"

Drill Sgt. Robert (Young Bear) Mosholder

"First, the language is very powerful. We use it to communicate with other nations. We



A colorful tapestry is a part of the Native American Month display that won runner-up in the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools Essay and Display Contest. The award ceremony was held Nov. 23.

talk to the living beings of the earth through spiritual communications. Language must be taught with this in mind. Second, when teaching the language to young people, its good and evil powers must also be taught. Children need to understand that language contains great power, that it can be used to injure people's

feelings or to compliment the achievements of another human being. It can be used to harm or to honor and bless. Young people need to understand that language contains the power to give life or to take it away and that it therefore must be used with respect."

AAFES makes the call: "Not all prepaid phone cards are created equal"

AAFES

The Army & Air Force Exchange Service is "reaching out" to let troops know the dollars and cents of international telephone services.

Before a service member even picks up a phone in a deployed location, AAFES' Vice President, Services Division, Craig Sewell cautions military personnel to "read the fine print." Many "domestic" or "per minute" phone cards contain the phrase "International flat rates vary."

"These rates can vary widely," says Sewell. For example, AAFES' 550-unit card is available for \$35 (when purchased from any Exchange in Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom, \$39 elsewhere). The closest competitor's 500-minute card sells for \$25.

While the competitor's card looks like a bargain, it is actu-

RETAIL	KUWAIT to US (minutes-total talk time)	AFGHANISTAN/IRAQ to US (minutes-total talk time)	
AAFES	\$35/550 units	\$0.19-183 min/3 units	\$0.25-140 min/4 units
AAFES	\$39/550 units	\$0.21-140 min/3 units	\$0.28-140 min/4 units
Closest Competitor	\$25/500 min	\$0.50-50 min/10 units	\$0.50-50 min/10 units

Prices as of November 2004

ally more expensive to use. Service members who use the AAFES prepaid card receive three times as many minutes for calls placed from Iraq to the United States. In this case, the "variation" is \$0.25 per minute versus charges of \$0.50 per minute. For more information on per minute charges, please see the chart below.

The bottom line according to Sewell is that, "all phone cards are not created equal. It is important to let the troops and their loved ones know that cards from a third party may be subject to unforeseen charges."

Many prepaid phone cards sold in the United States are designed for use within the 48 contiguous states. Some retailers choose the holidays to "give" these phone cards away in hopes that they will be recharged for as much as 50

cents a minute.

AAFES' prepaid phone cards are designed for use on a "global platform." This platform according to Sewell, "is tailored to the unique needs of mobile service members."

Troops as well as friends and family should be aware that price per minute charges can also be much higher when placing an overseas call using a credit card, calling card or other pre-paid phone cards.

Anyone (even non-authorized Exchange customers) can now send a 550-Unit Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone Card to an individual service member or "any service member" through the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program. AAFES has worked with the American Red Cross, USO, Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, Air Force Aid Society and the Fisher House

Foundation to distribute 3,420 phone cards addressed to "any service member" since the "Help Our Troops Call Home" program began in April 2004.

The AAFES' "Help Our Troops Call Home" program helps Marines, Sailors, Airmen and Soldiers stay in touch with loved ones back home. To date, 13,998 550-Unit Military Exchange Global Prepaid Phone cards have been purchased.

Sixty-one AAFES call centers throughout Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom have been critical in keeping deployed troops and their families in touch. The Military Exchange 550-Unit Prepaid Phone card's minutes never expire and no additional charges or connection fees are ever added. These factors make the 550-Unit card the best value for troops who enjoy calling home from any of AAFES' 47 call centers in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The "Help Our Troops Call Home" initiative allows any American to make a direct contribution to the morale of troops who find themselves far from home. For more information, individuals, organizations and businesses can log on to **www.aafes.com** and click the "Help Our Troops Call Home" link or call 800-527-2345.



Morale, Welfare & Recreation

Activities

Operating hours

The MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel Center's operating hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday thru Friday, and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., the first and third Friday of every month.

If this happens to fall on a training holiday, then, on the Thursday prior, the office will be open 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

For more information, call 410-278-4011/4907.

Visit New York City

There will be a trip to New York City for a tour and holiday shopping Dec. 11.

Experience the hustle and bustle of the holiday season and enjoy a two-hour guided tour of New York's more popular attractions. Following the tour, take time out to do some holiday shopping.

The trip costs \$70 per person and includes round trip bus transportation, guided tour and dinner at Harold's New York Deli. Trip is available without a tour for a smaller fee.

For more information or registration, visit MWR Registration, Tickets and Leisure Travel, building 3326, or call 410-278-4907.

Paint your own

Edgewood Area Arts and Crafts now has a "Paint Your Own Ceramic Studio."

The ceramic studio is open to all APG civilians, active duty military, contractors and reservists and their dependents. No previous artist skills are required. There is a wide assortment of gift and holiday

items to choose from.

Hours of operation are 1 to 9 p.m., Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Arts and Crafts is located in building E-4440, next to the Military Police Station.

For more information, call 410-436-2153.

White House ornament sale

MWR Registration has the latest White House Christmas ornaments for \$15, but supplies are limited.

For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.

Bowling specials

Get a save-a-card special good in December only at the APG Bowling Center. Buy a 20-game card for only \$30, valid Monday thru Friday.

Call the APG Bowling Center for more information, 410-278-4041.

Limited supply of Entertainment Books

A limited supply of Entertainment Books are available at MWR Registration for \$30. The book offers discounts and coupons on dining, movies, hotels, car rentals and much more.

For more information, call MWR Registration at 410-278-4907 or e-mail mwr_registration@usag.apg.army.mil.



Holiday Sale

December 7-24, 2004

Ruggles Golf Course Pro Shop
5600 Block

Look for great deals on golf balls, apparel, golf clubs, pull carts, golf bag, and much more!

Gift certificates will also be available.

For more information, contact Ruggles Golf Course
(5600 block; 410-278-4794/9452)



LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are 1 to 5 p.m., Saturday and Sunday and 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. The Edgewood Area Library is open 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday. For more information, call 410-278-3417.

The following is a list of some new books available at the APG MWR Libraries:

Faith and Fortune: the quiet revolution to reform American business by Marc Gunther

Receiving Love: transform your relationship by letting yourself be loved, by Harville Hendrix

Samurai: the story of Japan's great warriors, by Stephen Turnbull

Leave No Man Behind: US Special Forces Raids and Rescues form 1945 to the Gulf Wars by David Isby

Vaccine A: the covert government experiment that's killing our soldiers - and why GI's are only the first victims by Gary Matsumoto

Opus: 25 years of his Sunday best by Berkeley Breathed

The library's Web site, www.apgmwr.com/recreation/libraries.html, provides access to the library's online catalog and also has a complete annotated listing of the library's new material, as well as a list of available films on DVD.

MWR offers patriotic discounts on Web page

Local businesses, including restaurants and hotels will offer special discounts in a salute to the military and DoD civilians. Print out the coupon from the MWR Patriotic Discount Web page and present it to any of the businesses listed. The coupon is good through March 31, 2005.

For more information or to print a coupon, visit <http://www.apgmwr.com/patrioticdiscounts.html>.

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Veterans' service organizations serving the community



Jarrettsville Young Marines Cpl. James Reich, 17, left, and Clayton Willey, 15, lead team members in accepting a Proclamation from the Maryland House of Delegates and a Citation from Gov. Robert Ehrlich in recognition of their community service during the Salute to Bob Hope and the USO Nov. 14.

About the Young Marines

www.youngmarines.com

The Young Marines is a youth education and service program for boys and girls, ages 8 through completion of high school. The Young Marines promotes the mental, moral, and physical development of its members. The program focuses on character building, leadership, and promotes a healthy, drug-free lifestyle. The Young Marines is the focal point for the U.S. Marine Corps' youth Drug Demand Reduction efforts.

The organization was formed in 1958 by members of the Brass City Detachment of the

Marine Corps League.

It was officially chartered by the Marine Corps League and becomes a national youth program on Oct. 17, 1965.

By 2000, the Young Marines programs expanded to over 200 units in 38 States and at U.S. installations in Germany and Japan, with over 11,000 Young Marines and nearly 2,000 adult volunteers.

Jarrettsville Young Marines
Jarrettsville VFW Post 8672)
P.O. Box 605
Jarrettsville, MD 21084
www.jarrettsvilleyoungmarines.com

VFW 6054 makes a difference in community

VFW Post 6054

Members of the Charlton-Miller Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6054 and Ladies Auxiliary to Post 6054 joined millions across America by sponsoring a "Make a Difference Day" Oct. 23.

The "Make a Difference Day" events were coordinated by Linda Smith, senior vice president/Community Activities chairperson for the Ladies Auxiliary and Ladies Auxiliary Hospital/Rehabilitation Chairperson Gloria Stradford.

"The day began with the clothes drive, which we called the "Closet Clean-up, and the food drive," Smith said. "All clothing donations and non-perishable food items were brought to the VFW Post by comrades and sisters of the Post and also citizens of the community."

The non-perishable food items were donated to Grace Place, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Havre De Grace. Volunteer members of Grace Place prepare meals every Tuesday for the community.

The clothing items were donated to Perry Point VA Medical Center, the Good Will Store in Aberdeen and the Thrift Store in

Jarrettsville VFW thanks Bob Hope for the memories

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

In a salute to patriotism, vaudeville, and a hero who combined both like no other, the Harford County Chamber of Commerce and Commission on Veterans Affairs presented a Veterans Day Salute to Bob Hope and the USO at Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8672 in Jarrettsville Nov. 14.

The evening's guests included retired Brig. Gen. Jim Atkins, deputy secretary of the Maryland Department of Veterans Affairs, members of the Harford County Council and Maryland delegate Veronica "Roni" Chenowith.

Retired Brig. Gen. Joseph Brooks, chairman of the veterans' commission welcomed all to the show and introduced "America's most famous emcee, Bob Hope," who was played by retired Lt. Col. Al Woltz, a former Aberdeen Proving Ground Soldier, now a contracted civilian with the U.S. Army Research Development and Engineering Command.

Woltz and his stage manager wife, Peg, led a troupe of performers through three segments of entertainment styled after Hope's famous variety shows for American troops during World War II, the Korean War and Vietnam.

Sharing the story of the history of the USO, 'Hope' said that his entertainment forays were made possible by the popular organization.

"At its high point, in 1934, the USO had more than 3,000 clubs," he said. "We have about 18 different acts for you tonight, and we hope you enjoy the show," he added. "This is Bob-in-Jarrettsville-Md.-Hope."

The evening included dinner, refreshments, and dancing with music provided by the Bel Air Jazz Band led by Scott Sharnetza.

Members of the Young Marines, a Jarrettsville VFW-sponsored group of youths who perform community service projects, posted and retired the colors, and also served dozens of dinners to seated guests during the program.

The performers delivered a wide variety of songs framing the historical eras. They included old favorites like "I'll Be Seeing You," Rogers & Hammerstein classics like "Some Enchanted Evening" from the Broadway show "South Pacific," patriotic tunes and classic skits like Abbot and Costello's "Who's on First," performed by 'Hope' and Mike Ware, a part-time singer/actor and full-time social worker with the Perry Point Veterans Administration Medical Center.

The other performers included Randy Weber, an instructor with APG's U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools' U.S. Army School of Military Packaging Technology; Korean War veteran and accomplished local actor, Ralph Denton; the father and daughter team of Lee and Rachel Conrad; Woltz's

See BOB HOPE, page 8



Retired Maj. Gen. Joe Brooks, chairman of the Harford County Commission on Veterans Affairs, far right, greets entertainer "Bob Hope," also known as Al Woltz, during the Veterans Salute to Bob Hope and the USO show at Jarrettsville VFW Post 8672 Nov. 14.

vided gifts for the winners," Stradford said.

At the conclusion of bingo, each resident who participated in bingo was presented a gift donated by the members of Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054 and the Ladies Auxiliary.

Stradford also stated that it made a difference just watching the smiles on the senior citizens' faces, and she didn't know who had the most fun, the Post members or the residents at Lorian Nursing Home.

"The people who should really be thanked are the people of the community," Robinson said. "They played a major part in the "Make a Difference Day" by donating clothes and food. "By coming together as one, the community, VFW Post 6054 and the Ladies Auxiliary were able to help veterans, children, senior citizens and ones who are less fortunate than others. That's what the VFW Post 6054 and Ladies Auxiliary is all about, making a difference in someone's life."

MOAA

www.moaa.org

MOAA was founded in Los Angeles on Feb. 23, 1929. It was the view of the founders that retired officers, as well as their families and survivors, would benefit greatly by joining together in an association — one that would counsel and render assistance to all officers in matters related to their retired status.

An independent, nonprofit, politically nonpartisan organization, MOAA is operated exclusively to benefit members of the uniformed services — active duty, former and retired, National Guard and Reserve — and their families and survivors. MOAA is dedicated to preserving their earned entitlements and to maintaining a strong national defense. Six out of 10 retired officers belong to MOAA, as do more than 30,000 active duty officers.

The association plays an active role in military personnel matters and especially proposed legislation affecting the career force, the retired community, and veterans of the uniformed services.

Susquehanna Chapter
P.O. Box 243
APG, MD 21005
410-803-7177
(Call or write for more information.)

American Legion Auxiliary

www.legion-aux.org

The American Legion Auxiliary is the world's largest women's patriotic service organization. With nearly one million members from all walks of life, the Auxiliary administers hundreds of volunteer programs, gives tens of thousands of hours to its communities and to veterans, and raises millions of dollars to support its own programs as well as other worthwhile charities. It is all accomplished with volunteers.

The Auxiliary, organized in 1919 to assist The American Legion, has achieved its own unique identity while working side-by-side with the veterans of The American Legion. Through its nearly 10,500 units located in every state and some foreign countries, the Auxiliary embodies the spirit of America that has prevailed through war and peace. Along with The American Legion, it solidly stands behind America and her ideals.



U.S. Coast Guard



U.S. Marines



U.S. Navy



U.S. Air Force



U.S. Army

About the American Legion

www.legion.org

Congress chartered the American Legion in 1919 as a patriotic, mutual-help, wartime veteran's organization. A community-service organization, which now numbers nearly 3 million members, men and women, in nearly 15,000 American Legion Posts worldwide. These Posts are organized into 55 Departments — one each for the 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, France, Mexico, and the Philippines.

The American Legion's national headquarters is in Indianapolis, Ind. with additional offices in Washington, DC.

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Bel Air, MD 21014
Phone: 410-838-0812

Bernard L. Tobin # 128
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Phone: 410-676-1147

Harford #39
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Phone: 410-838-2603

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501 St. John Street
Havre de Grace, MD 21078
Phone: 410-939-0234

Slate Ridge # 182
2217 Whiteford Road
Whiteford, MD 21160
Phone: 410-452-5819

About the Veterans of Foreign Wars

www.vfw.org

The VFW, with its Auxiliaries, includes 2.4 million members in approximately 9,000 Posts worldwide.

VFW accomplishments include lobbying for a GI bill for the 20th century; donating more than \$1 million each to the Vietnam, Korean, Women in Military Service, and World War II memorials; fighting for compensation to veterans diagnosed with Gulf War Syndrome; and improving VA medical centers services for women veterans.

Annually, VFW members and its Ladies Auxiliary contribute more than 13 million hours of volunteerism in the community, including participation in Make A Difference Day and National Volunteer Week.

From providing \$2.5 million in college scholarships to high school students every year, to encouraging elevation of the Veterans Administration to the president's cabinet, the VFW is there—honoring the dead by helping the living.

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821 Old Philadelphia Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001
Phone: 410-272-1218

Bel Air Memorial Post 10113
P.O. Box 582
Bel Air, MD 21014
Write for more information.

Charlton-Miller Post 6054
206 Spesutia Road
Aberdeen, MD 21001
Phone: 410-272-3444

Darlington-Dublin Post 10146
3440 Conowingo Road
Street, MD 21154
Phone: 410-836-0922

Fallston Manor Post 749
2315 Bel Air Road (Fallston Mall)
Fallston, MD 21047
Phone: 410-879-2294

Harford County Memorial Post 5337
3705 Pulaski Highway
Abingdon, MD 21009
Phone: 410-676-4456

Jarrettsville Manor Memorial
Post 8672
1714 Morse Road
Jarrettsville, MD 21084
Phone: 410-692-5414

Joppatowne Memorial Post 5838
501 Pulaski Highway
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Weedon-Elliott Post 8126
300 Lodge Lane
Havre de Grace, MD 21078
Phone: 410-939-4578

Post 11377
3504 Black Point Court
Abingdon, MD 21009
Phone: 410-569-8070

Catholic War Veterans

The primary objective of the Catholic War Veterans is to make the nation aware of the struggle and needs of many veterans, their widows and children. As survivors, Catholic War Veterans have an obligation to fallen brothers and sisters to inform the country that many veterans and their families need assistance; and that because these veterans have made sacrifices for their country, they deserve to be treated accordingly, with proper respect and support.

It is also the responsibility of the Catholic War Veterans to help protect, preserve and defend the Constitution of the United States and the laws of our government.

The CWV cooperates with other veteran organizations to better serve the interests of the men and women who served in each of the wars in which the nation has been involved.

Catholic War Veterans
151 Drexel Drive
Bel Air, MD 21014
Phone: 410-893-3344

Military Order of Foreign Wars

http://foxfall.com/mofw.htm

The Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States is the oldest veterans' and hereditary association in the nation with a membership that includes officers and their hereditary descendants from all of the armed services.

The history of the Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States was formed Dec. 13, 1894, originally incorporated as the Military and Naval Order of the United States.

Its hereditary line of descent spans the period of American history since national independence. Membership in the Order was originally limited to veterans (and their hereditary descendants) of the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Mexican War. Until 1896, membership categories were limited to Veteran and Hereditary Companions. In April of 1895, the name of the Order was officially changed to its present name, The Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States.

The motto of the Military Order of Foreign Wars is Deus et Libertas - God and Liberty.

The Order's stringent and high eligibility requirements make it difficult for the Order to recruit members in large numbers. However, this selectivity has enabled the Order to sustain itself for over 100 years because it continues to fill its ranks with individuals of the highest caliber, patriotism, loyalty, and character.

Maryland Chapter 1897
John F. Kutcher, Sr., secretary
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About the Retired Enlisted Association

www.trea.org

The Retired Enlisted Association was founded in Colorado Springs, Colo. on Feb. 18, 1963.

The TREA mission is to enhance the quality of life for uniformed services enlisted personnel, their families and survivors - including active components and all retirees; to stop the erosion of earned benefits through legislative efforts; and to maintain esprit de corps, dedication, patriotism, and allegiance to God and country.

Any enlisted person, retired from an active or reserve component of the armed forces, either for length of service or permanent medical disability shall be eligible for regular membership. In addition, active duty, Reserve and National Guard enlisted personnel with 10 or more years of retirement creditable service are eligible.

The TREA National Auxiliary members are spouses of enlisted military retired and active duty TREA members. The Auxiliary supports TREA through numerous projects and programs such as the TREA Scholarship Fund, Benevolence Fund and Disaster Relief Fund, which are all administered by the TREA Memorial Foundation.

Maryland Chapter 9
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About Vietnam Veterans of America

www.vva.org

Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA, is the only national Vietnam veterans' organization congressionally chartered and exclusively dedicated to Vietnam-era veterans and their families.

VVA has more than 50,000 members, 43 state councils, 525 chapters, and a national board of directors. Its special programs include Government Relations Advocacy on a range of veterans' issues. Other interests include the National Task Force for Homeless Veterans; Health care for veterans, including disabled veterans, issues pertaining to women and minority veterans, the National scholarship fund, and programs providing assistance to veterans seeking benefits and/or services from the government.

VVA's goals are to promote and support the full range of issues important to Vietnam veterans, to create a new identity for this generation of veterans, and to change public perception of Vietnam veterans.

State/National
Vietnam Veterans of America
P.O. Box 64299
Baltimore, MD 21264
www.vva.org

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Bel Air, MD 21014
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APG Veteran Service Offices

Department of Veterans Affairs representative Clayton T. Smith visits APG, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., the last Thursday of each month to offer claims information, and education, financial, health and employment assistance to veterans and retirees. Call ahead for an appointment at 410-230-4530, extension 1059.

For retiree information, contact Drew Nobles, retirement services officer, in building 4305, room 134, at 410-306-2320/21/22/23.

For more information:

VA Regional Office
31 Hopkins Plaza
Baltimore, MD 21201
1-800-827-1000

VA Regional Federal Building
(for educational benefits)
111 W. Huron Street
Buffalo, NY 14202
1-888-442-4551

VA Eligibility Center
(for home loan benefits)
P.O. Box 20729
Winston Salem, NC 27120
Or
251 N. Main Street
Winston Salem, NC 27155
Phone: 336-631-5306
1-888-244-6711

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The Korean War Veterans Association

www.kwva.org

The Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA) is a federally-tax exempt organization that was incorporated in the State of New York on June 25, 1985. Its original founder was Mr. William T. Norris of New York, a member of Company F, 27th Infantry Regiment (Wolfhounds), 25th Infantry Division, when he served as a sergeant in the Korean War.

The organization's mission includes promoting and maintaining for benevolent and charitable purposes an association of persons who have seen honorable service during the Korean War at any time between June 25, 1950 and Jan. 31, 1955, and to aid needy Association members and their wives and children, and the widows and children of persons who were members at the time of their death.

Aberdeen Chapter 271
Commander Nick Guerra
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Aberdeen, MD 21001
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Maryland Chapter
2601 Beckley Street
Fort Holabird, MD 21222

Women’s Army Corps Veterans’ Association

www.armywomen.org

The WACVA is a non-profit, non-partisan organization. The organization was chartered as a general non-profit corporation in the State of Illinois on July 26, 1946 and in the District of Columbia on May 11, 1951. Its approximately 4,500 active members represent thousands of women who loyally served their country in World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Grenada, Panama, in the Persian Gulf and in Bosnia.

Those who have served honorably with the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps, The Women's Army Corps, or those who have served or are serving honorably in the United States Army, the United States Army Reserve or the Army National Guard, are eligible for membership in WACVA. Where no chapter exists, eligible persons can become Members-At-Large, and can attend the national conventions and participate in the organization's programs in their various community programs.

WACVA includes a National Honor Guard that participates in convention activities, and in national events such as posting the Colors and the WACVA flag at the annual Veterans Day ceremony held at Arlington National Cemetery, as well as other official functions.

Each chapter carries out programs that emphasize volunteering in VA hospitals and conducting community service projects in the local and national community. WACVA volunteers serve in 50 VA hospitals and Nursing Homes around the country. Where no VA Hospital is located, members volunteer in state and community hospitals.

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Disabled American Veterans

Formed in 1920 and chartered by Congress in 1932, the million-member DAV is the official voice of America's service-connected disabled veterans -- a strong, insistent voice that represents all of America's 2.1 million disabled veterans, their families and survivors. Its nationwide network of services -- free of charge to all veterans and members of their families -- is totally supported by membership dues and contributions from the American public. Not a government agency, the DAV's national organization receives no government funds.

Harford County chapters Bel Air 30 P.O. Box 0443 Bel Air, MD 21014 Phone: 410-879-0861	Francis McLhinney 15 American Legion Post 47 50 St. John Street Havre de Grace, MD 21078
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Combined Federal Campaign-honoring those who served

Lisa Mack
CFC Vice-Chairman

Nov. 11 marked Veterans Day, a day to honor the men and women who have made sacrifices to protect the freedom of all American citizens.

Pay tribute to the brave men and women of the armed forces during the 2004 Combined Federal Campaign by donating to organizations that provide services like physical therapy; counseling for active military, veterans, and family members; and financial aid for college-bound military dependents.

This year's campaign theme, "Every 1 of Us," can mean many different things but one that fits appropriately is that this effort caters to all or one depending solely on choice.

CFC veterans organizations

2104 Air Warrior Courage Foundation, 540-442-7782, www.airwarriorcourage.org - AWCf provides financial assistance to families and/or members of U.S. armed forces facing extraordinary medical expenses; and, other philanthropic projects in need of support.

2105 Coast Guard Foundation, 860-535-0786, www.cgfdn.org - Provides programs that enhance the education, welfare, and morale of Coast Guard personnel and their families, augments the Coast Guard Academy's academic and extracurricular programs.

2106 Astronauts Memorial Foundation, 321-452-2887, www.amfse.org - In honor of our fallen U.S. astronauts, the Foundation provides technology training for teachers, professors and technology specialists in the United States.

2107 Blinded American Veterans Foundation, 800-242-0161, www.bavf.org - Helping blinded and sensory-disabled veterans attain their maximum potential through research, rehabilitation and re-employment services. Completely staffed by volunteers.

2108 Disabled American Veterans Charitable Service Trust, 859-441-7300, www.dav.org - [A donation] gift provides food, shelter and medical aid to homeless veterans, transportation to medical facilities, and counseling/rehabilitation for amputee and other severely disabled veterans.

2109 Hospitalized Veterans Writing Project, 913-432-1214, - A therapeutic writing program to acknowledge veterans' experiences and build confidence and self-esteem through focused creative expression and possible publication of the works.

2110 Congressional Medal of Honor Society, 843-884-8862, www.cmohs.org (The Congressional Medal of Honor Society of the United States of America) - Honors the courage, sacrifice and lives of those who have received our nation's highest honor, and keeps their stories alive to inspire future generations.

2111 Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation, 800-292-7777, www.marine-scholars.org - Provides scholarships to children of current/former Marines, and children of Navy Corpsmen that served with the Marines, who pursue collegiate or VoTech education.

2113 National Military Family Association, 703-931-NMFA, www.nmfa.org - NMFA supports a strong and healthy military family through programs designed to enhance the opportunities, resources, and services available to uniformed service members, spouses and children.

2114 Red River Valley Fighter Pilots Association, 207-633-0333, www.river-rats.org - We provide scholarships to dependents of U.S. Military personnel declared MIA/KIA in armed conflicts from Vietnam through the present, and aircrews killed performing aircraft duties.

2115 Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund, 301-589-4613 x126, www.vvafund.org - We're Vietnam veterans helping disabled, homeless and needy Vietnam-era veterans with shelter, employment, counseling and medical benefits assistance, with appreciation for their service to America.

2117 Fisher House Foundation, 888-294-8560, [\[house.org\]\(http://house.org\) - Supports military and veterans quality of life by building Fisher Houses for military/VA hospitals, supporting existing houses and awarding scholarships for military children.](http://www.fisher-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

2118 Military Chaplains Association of the USA, 703-276-2189, www.mca-usa.org (Military Chaplains Association of the United States of America) - A donation helps the organization preserve the chaplaincy's critical role in caring for America's military-active duty, reserve and veterans.

2119 Paralyzed Veterans of America Spinal Cord Injury Education and Training Foundation, 800-424-8200 x255, www.pvaresearch.org - America's only foundation dedicated to enhancing the lives of people with spinal cord injury and disease by offering educational grants - \$4 million provided to date.

2121 AAAA Scholarship Foundation, Inc., 203-268-2450, www.quad-a.org - Scholarships for Army Aviation Association of America members and selected dependents. AAAA pays all Foundation expenses. 100 percent of donations are applied to awards.

2122 Airmen Memorial Museum, 800-638-0594, www.afsahq.org - Airmen helping Airmen, USAF, Guard, Reserve active, retired and veteran enlisted personnel, and their families receive scholarship financial aid, research assistance and on-line retiree information.

2124 Special Operations Warrior Foundation, 813-805-9400, www.specialops.org - We provide four-year or vocational college scholarship grants and financial aid counseling to children surviving Special Operations personnel killed in operational or training missions.

2126 Armed Forces Family Survivors Fund, Intrepid Museum Foundation, 212-245-0072, www.intrepidmuseum.org (Intrepid Museum Foudation, Inc.) - Helps families whose loved ones made the ultimate sacrifice for this country. Assists them with urgent expenses by providing immediate financial help.

2131 82nd Airborne Division Association Educational Fund, 910-822-4534 - Provides college and university scholarship assistance grants to dependent children of association members, and former active duty members of the Division.

2132 Angel Flight for Veterans, 888-849-0507, www.angelflightveterans.org - Helps provide air transportation for military veterans and their families to distant medical centers. Health care must continue when travel funds are exhausted.

2133 Army Historical Foundation, 800-506-2672, www.army-historyfnd.org - Supports building a national U.S. Army museum and sponsor educational programs that will preserve and promote the history and heritage of the American Soldier.

2134 Marine Corps-Law Enforcement Foundation, 877-606-1775, www.mc-lef.org - Financial aid for disabled children of Marines. Scholarship assistance to children of Marines and federal law enforcement personnel whose parent dies on duty.

2136 Armed Forces Foundation, 212-957-7020 - Supports the "Scholarships for Military Children" program and provide scholarships to children of veterans and service members who could not otherwise afford an education.

2137 Aerospace Education Foundation, 703-247-5839, www.aef.org - Promotes technological excellence through grants to teachers and scholarship programs. AEF also helps the Air Force family to attain its educational goals.

2138 Air Force Historical Foundation, 301-736-7563, www.afhistoricalfoundation.com - Dedicated to preserving, perpetuating, and publishing the history and traditions of American aviation, with emphasis on the U.S. Air Force and its predecessor organizations.

2139 Armed Forces Veterans Homes Foundation, 800-638-0594, www.VetHomesFoundation.org (The Armed Forces Retirement Home Foundation, Inc.) - Funds quality-of-life improvements for 27,000 veterans residing at 130 state veterans

Military Order of the Purple Heart

The Military Order of the Purple Heart is the only congressionally chartered veterans organization exclusively for combat wounded veterans.

The MOPH mission is to foster an environment of goodwill and camaraderie among Combat Wounded Veterans,

promote patriotism; support necessary legislative initiatives; and most importantly, provide service to all veterans and their families.

The Purple Heart is an American decoration—the oldest military decoration in the world in present use and the first American award made available to the common soldier. It was initially created as the Badge of Military Merit by one of the world’s most famed and best-loved heroes—General George Washington.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the U.S. who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy and posthumously to the next of kin in the name of those who are killed in action or die of wounds received in action. It is specifically a combat decoration.

Wives, mothers, daughters, step-daughters and adopted daughters of Purple Heart recipients are eligible to belong to the Ladies’ Auxiliary of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, which also does important work nationally and locally in Veterans’ Hospitals.

The Maryland state monument to the Purple Heart is located at Aberdeen Proving Ground on the grounds of the U.S. Army Ordnance Museum.

Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 561 c/o William Williams 1316 Sweetbriar Lane Bel Air, MD 21014 Phone: 410-879-7382
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The Sons of The American Legion

www.sal.legion.org

The American Legion The S.A.L. is made up of boys and men of all ages whose parents or grandparents served in the United States military and became eligible for membership in The American Legion.

Together, members of The American Legion, The American Legion Auxiliary and the Sons of The American Legion make up what is known as The Legion Family. All three organizations place high importance on preserving American traditions and values, improving the quality of life for the nation's children, caring for veterans and their families, and perhaps most importantly, teaching the fundamentals of good citizenship.

Many members are members of, both, The American Legion and the Sons of The American Legion.

Bernard L. Tobin Post 128 410-272-9822 Call for more information.

homes and national retirement homes: medical needs, personal necessities, and activity programs.

2141 Young Marines, 202-889-8745, **www.TheYoungMarines.org** (Young Marines of the Marine Corps League-Strengthens the lives of America's youth by teaching the importance of self-confidence, academic achievement, responsible citizenship, honoring our veterans and a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.

2142 Military Officers Association of America Scholarship Fund, 800-245-8762, www.moaa.org (The Retired Officers Association Scholarship Fund) - Provides interest-free loans and grants to children of enlisted and officers for college education. All administrative costs are paid by MOAA, not from donations.

2143 Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, 800-397-7585, www.marine.heritage.org - Building the National Museum of the Marine Corps, Quantico, Virginia - see America's history through the eyes of Marines. Donations help make history, and preserve it.

2144 National Flag Foundation, 800-615-1776, www.americanflags.org - Teaches love and respect for the U.S. flag and responsible citizenship to America's children.

2147 Seabee Memorial Scholarship Association, 202-842-6161, www.seabee.org - Provides children and grandchildren of Seabees with financial assistance towards a college diploma to prepare them for a brighter future.

2148 SEAL - Naval Special Warfare Foundation, 757-363-7490, www.nswfoundation.org (Naval Special Warfare Foundation) - Promotes welfare of Navy (SEALs/SWCC) personnel, provides academic scholarships, specialty family counseling, and educational programs that perpetuate history and heritage of American naval commandos.

2149 Armed Services YMCA of the USA, 800-597-1260, www.asymca.org - Operates a nationwide network of social service programs for junior enlisted military men and women and their families stationed away from hometowns and family.

2150 Naval Historical Foundation, 202-678-4333, www.navy-history.org - Preserves naval history by collecting artifacts, manuscripts and veterans' oral histories. Teaches naval history to the public with speakers, publications and symposiums.

2152 AMVETS Charities, 800-810-714, www.amvets.org - Preserving freedom and supporting veterans and active duty military personnel. Never forget those who served and died, and the sacrifices made for freedom.

2153 CAMP - Council on America's Military Past, 800-398-4693, www.campjump.org - Country's leading national organization with objectives of military history and historic preservation. Publishes newspaper and quarterly journal, sponsors annual military history conference and awards student grants.

2154 Veterans of Foreign Wars Foundation, 816-756-3390, www.vfw.org/foundation - Facilitating projects that improve life for veterans and military service personnel, as well as helping promote the important values of community service and patriotic education.

Bob Hope

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niece Marielle Proia; and other singers and dancers who rounded out the evening of nostalgia and patriotism.

About 300 attendees sang along with or danced to the many oldies performed. At the evening's conclusion, Woltz was presented with a citation from the Maryland House of Delegates.

In addition, Post 8672 was presented with a banner from the chamber and the commission, commemorating the 2004 Veterans Day celebration.

Brooks thanked all supporters and asked all to remember the nation's future veterans, particularly those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

"We would be remiss if we did not take a moment of silence to recognize our brave service members," Brooks said.

Veterans' voices

West Point honors Battle of Bulge vets

By Spc. Eric S. Bartelt
www.army.mil

Thirty World War II veterans were honored Nov. 6 at the Army-Air Force game as West Point observed the 60th anniversary of the Battle of the Bulge.

During halftime at Michie Stadium, before the Black Knights fell 31-22, the Battle of the Bulge veterans stood out in front of the 40,000-plus applauding spectators.

The veterans were members of the Delaware Valley Chapter of the Battle of the Bulge and the P-47 Thunderbolt Foundation. They listened to radio reports of the day recounting the German onslaught and eventual demise, as well as three musical pieces of the time in a 15-minute halftime presentation.

“At this stage of my life, it gives me an uplifting feeling to be recognized by people and appreciated for what I did,” said Stan Wojtusik, president of the Delaware Valley Chapter of Philadelphia, Pa. “I hope the cadets and the leadership at West Point realize what these men pulled off -- it was nearly impossible.”

Wojtusik was an 18-year-old corporal with the 106th Infantry division, 422nd Regiment, which was commanded by West Point graduate, Col. George Deschneax.

The 106th was a new division with many inexperienced Soldiers when the Germans attacked them.

“We held off as many Germans as possible, it wasn’t until three days later (into the battle) that their Tiger tanks blasted their way through to us,” Wojtusik said. “I was wounded in the shoulder and face from a shell shot.

“After that I was captured and spent six months in a German prison camp, that was one of the tough parts of the war,” he added.

The German offensive through the heavily forested Ardennes region on the German-Belgian border turned out to be the largest land battle of World War II. Between the U.S. and Germany, the battle had the equivalent of 60 divisions coming to blows.

The Battle of the Bulge also produced the worst casualty count -- more than 81,000 casualties -- that the Americans suffered through any part of the war.

The 106th Infantry Division was credited preventing the Germans reaching the port of Antwerp, which would have devastated the Allied supply lines. The delay allowed the 106th and 101st Airborne Divisions to receive much-needed supplies once the bad winter weather cleared.

The VII Corps airdrops enlarged the U. S. line and allowed Lt. Gen. George S. Patton’s Third Army to counterattack and break the German encirclement at Bastogne.

Lt. Ken Glemby was part of the 406th Fighter Group that helped support the C-47s supplying those Soldiers on the ground.

“I was a fighter pilot and we flew many missions, I flew the P-47, it was a remarkable plane,” said Glemby, whose fighter group protected the C-47s and bombed German supply lines. “When we started our missions after the weather cleared, our infantry units were bottled up by the Germans.

“Along came a line of C-47s about 200 feet off the ground without any armor as they came over Bastogne,” he continued. “They were kicking supplies out the side doors, flying so low they were continually getting shot down.

“They were so brave,” added Glemby, whose plane “The Paula” was named after his wife of 60 years. “I was so proud of the ground troops at the battle, it was tremendous.”

One of those Soldiers, Wojtusik, was liberated by the Russians after his six-month captivity, then spent other 10 days as a Russian prisoner because they thought he was a German dressed in an American uniform.

Wojtusik said he tries to get to West Point as often as he can because he loves what the academy stands for.

West Point’s overall record so far this year is 2 - 7 with wins against Cincinnati and the University of South Florida. Army plays the University of Alabama, Birmingham this Saturday. The Army-Navy game is scheduled for Dec. 4 in Philadelphia.

(Editor’s note: Spc. Eric S. Bartelt writes for the Pointer View newspaper.)

DoD Announces America Supports You Program

DoD

The Department of Defense announced Nov. 19 the launch of "America Supports You," a nationwide program to showcase and communicate American support to the men and women of the Armed Forces.

In announcing "America Supports You," Principal Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness Charles Abell said that thousands of Americans, including individual citizens, businesses and organizations, have spearheaded activities and projects in their communities to show their support for America's Armed Forces, especially those serving in harm's way.

"These activities of support have a positive impact on the morale and spirit of those who serve," Abell said. He said the "America Supports You" program will showcase these community activities and projects on a new Web site <http://www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil> so that the American public and the U.S. military serving at home and overseas will know firsthand how much the American people appreciate their service and sacrifice.

Teenager Shauna Fleming of Los Angeles created one of the projects highlighted on the new "AmericaSupportsYou" Web site. Fleming, a 15-year-old high school freshman, launched a campaign called "A Million Thanks," a year-round campaign to show U.S. military men and women, past and present, appreciation for their sacrifices, dedication and service through letters, emails, cards, prayers and thoughts.

Fleming's story is one of many that will be profiled on the "AmericaSupportsYou" Web site in the coming weeks and months. Americans are invited to log on to the web-site and share details of activities supporting the troops that are taking place in their communities. Everyone who shares their story will receive a dog tag with the "America Supports You" logo, while supplies last.

Representatives of veterans and service organizations also joined DoD at the launch, including Edward A. Powell Jr., USO, president and chief executive officer; Raymond Felsecker, American Legion, assistant director of the National Security Foreign Relations Commission; and James R. Mueller, Veterans of Foreign Wars, senior vice commander-in-chief.

They join other organizations and associations supporting the campaign through the distribution of promotional materials and development of community-based activities.

For more information about "America Supports You," visit **<http://www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil>**.

Scientist

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his time with the Army's Chemical Corps, Bird received an Army Commendation Medal for his service with the 1/503rd Infantry Regiment at Camp Hovey, South Korea. He again was honored with the Meritorious Service Medal for his service as a special project officer from 1989 to 1992 with the U.S. Army Environmental Center.

Bird joined the NSCMP in November 1993 as a project manager in the Chemical Warfare Materiel Burial Site Group. Since then, his responsibilities have included mobile system deployments, chemical agent transports and plan stockpile emergency destruction opera-

tions. He currently is the group leader for NSCMP operations at Pine Bluff Arsenal, Ark.

"This award is a credit to the great team I have worked with over the years," Bird said.

NSCMP leads the nation in the development and use of advanced technology to eliminate America's non-stockpile chemical materiel in a safe, environmentally sound and cost-effective manner. A division of the CMA, NSCMP researches, develops and implements treatment options and destruction plans that comply with all federal, state and local regulations, and encourages public participation in its activities. For additional information visit, the NSCMP Web site at **www.cma.army.mil/nscmp.aspx**.

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
DECEMBER 3
COUNTRY HOE
DOWN**

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8. Cash bar is available, and no dance lessons.

For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4
AMERICAN LEGION
COLLECTS FOR TOYS
FOR TOT'S**

Sons of the American Legion Squadron #128, Aberdeen, will hold a Toys for Tot's collection point 2 to 4 p.m. at the Aberdeen Festival Park, North Parke Street.

Bring a new unwrapped toy in exchange for a cup of hot cider.

Donations will help ensure disadvantaged children have a happy holiday.

The city of Aberdeen's annual Christmas Parade and Celebration will be held simultaneously. The parade begins at 3 p.m. on West Belair Avenue.

For more information, call

Gary Gerdon, 443-807-0728.

**CHRISTMAS STREET
PARADE**

The 28th annual Christmas Street Parade will be held at 3 p.m. on West Belair Avenue. This year's theme is "Twelve Days of Christmas."

For more information, call Caroline Curry, 410-272-5242.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR

The Aberdeen Fire Department will sponsor a Holiday Craft Fair in conjunction with the annual Christmas Street Parade 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Fire Department. For more information, call 410-272-2211.

**SENIOR CENTER
OPEN HOUSE**

The senior center will host an Open House 5 to 7 p.m. immediately following the Christmas Street Parade. For more information, call 410-273-5666.

**THE ABERDEEN
ROOM MUSEUM
OPEN HOUSE**

The Aberdeen Room Museum invites the public to celebrate Christmas Street at their Open House. A Grand Reopening Ribbon Cutting will begin at 10 a.m.

Tours, a lecture on "Community Churches" by Jon Harlan Livezey and Celtic music by Martha Baker will be available 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

For more information, call 410-273-6325.

**CHRISTMAS PRIZE
BINGO LUNCHEON**

The Pilottown Rod and Gun Club, located on Belle Manor Road, Conowingo, will hold a Christmas Prize Bingo Luncheon to benefit the Ladies Auxiliary to the Rod and Gun Club. Doors open at 11 a.m., bingo begins at noon. Tickets cost \$15 and includes paper packet for 20 games and lunch; extra packets cost \$5. Tickets are available at the door. Door prizes, refreshments, raffles and more will be available. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

No smoking is permitted in the club.

For more information or to purchase tickets, call 410-658-5628 or 410-378-0096.

**SATURDAY AND
SUNDAY**

**DECEMBER 4
AND 5
STEPPINGSTONE
MUSEUM**

Steppingstone Museum, located on 461 Quaker Bottom Road, Havre de Grace, will hold a Christmas Open House, noon to 4 p.m. Admission is free.

The 'old' house will be decorated for the holidays, and cookies and cider will be served in the kitchen.

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 6
GUNPOWDER
TOASTMASTERS**

CLUB

Gunpowder Toastmasters Club 2562 will hold its regular meeting, 11:40 a.m., at the Gunpowder Club in the Edgewood Area. Participation is open to anyone on or off post who is interested in improving their ability to speak in public. The club teaches communications, leadership and listening skills. The meeting lasts one hour.

For more information, call 410-734-6573 or 410-322-7748.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 4, 11,
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PHOTO WITH SANTA

Children can have their photo taken with Santa 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. inside Oshkosh B'Gosh at the Perryville Outlets. A \$5 donation will help benefit the Perryville Lions Club.

**SATURDAY
DECEMBER 11
BREAKFAST WITH
SANTA**

The Perryville Outlets Mall will host Breakfast with Santa, 9 a.m.

Cost is \$5 per person and includes breakfast, a gift bag for each child and a visit by Santa.

For more information or to make reservations, call the mall office at 410-378-9399.

SUNDAY

**DECEMBER 12
BASKET BINGO**

American Legion Post 194, 336 E. Main St., Rising Sun, is sponsoring a basket bingo.

Games start at 3 p.m.

Cost is \$10 for 20 games.

For more information, call 410-658-3915, or e-mail basketbingors@aol.com.

Proceeds will benefit Boy Scout Troop 28.

MOVIES

**ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3.50, CHILDREN \$1.75
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard
To verify listing, call 410-272-7520.**

THE GRUDGE

Friday, Dec. 3, 7 p.m.

Starring: Sarah Michele Gellar, Jason Behr

Karen (Gellar), an American student working with a Japanese health center for college credit, comes across a mysterious curse. She finds herself embroiled in a fight for her own sanity, and ultimately, her survival. Known as a "grudge" the curse was born inside of a house after its inhabitants died while consumed by rage. According to legend, the curse touches all who come into contact with it, and will torment those unlucky individuals until they, too, become part of the grudge. Each time the curse finds a new victim, it is, in a sense, reborn, and will continue on its path unless Karen can free herself from its control over her. (Rated PG-13)

**I HEART
HUCKABEES**

Saturday, Dec. 4, 7 p.m. (Free Admission) and 9 p.m.

Starring: Jason Schwartzman, Isabelle Hubbert

A plucky couple, the Jaffes, likes to play detective. But instead of solving murders, the Jaffes like to delve into philosophical questions. Their latest case is of a miserable retail worker named Albert Markowski (Schwartzman) and his archenemy, Brad (Jude Law). Albert has faced a series of odd coincidences in his life, and he's hoping his new detective pals can help him figure out the meaning of being born. When Brad, an executive at the retail superstore Huckabee's, learns of the detectives, he's determined to hire the pair himself, and once again trump the hapless Albert. (Rated R)

Post Shorts

Representatives from Johns Hopkins will provide materials and answer questions about the Uniformed Services Family Health Plan, or USFHP, a TRICARE Prime option.

The forum is open all DEERS-eligible family members of active duty and retired uniformed services members, retirees of all ages, family members of Reserve/National Guard on active duty for 31 days or more, non-remarried spouses and unmarried children of deceased service members, Coast Guard family members, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) retirees and their family members, as well as eligible family members of deceased NOAA members. No pre-registration is required.

For information, call 1-800-80-USFHP (7347), or Ed Cramer, USFHP at Johns Hopkins, 443-287-2529, e-mail ecramer3@jhmi.edu, or visit www.hopkinsmedicine.org/usfhp.

**APG tree lightings
scheduled**

Col. John T. Wright, deputy installation commander, will host the APG annual holiday tree lighting ceremonies 6 p.m., Dec. 5, in front of the Post Library, building 3320 and 6 p.m., Dec. 12, in front of the EA Chapel, building E-4620.

**ACA hosts Office
Products Expo**

The Directorate of Contracting, U. S. Army Contracting Agency will host the second annual Office Products Expo 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Dec. 9 at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Recreation Center, building 3326, Erie Street. Refreshments will be served.

Attendees will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the various vendors who have agreements under the mandatory Blanket Purchase Agreement used to purchase office supplies. A representative from the Defense Logistics Agency will demonstrate the use of DoD EMAIL.

This event will emphasize the Javits-Wagner O'Day

Program, which is a unique Federal procurement program that generates employment and training opportunities for people who are blind and those who have other severe disabilities. The JWOD Program is a mandatory source of supply.

Everyone is invited to attend; especially those involved in the acquisition process, i.e. requestors, government purchase cardholders, billing officials.

For more information, call Dennis Bolen, ACA, DSN 298-0849 or e-mail him at debolen@sbccom.apgea.army.mil.

**AFTB celebrates
10th year**

Army Family Team Building will celebrate its 10th birthday, 1 p.m., Dec. 16. Sarah Staats, the new coordinator, will host a cake cutting with Col. John T. Wright, deputy installation commander. Everyone is invited. For more information, call Army Community Service, 410-278-7474.

**Register for Bataan
Memorial March**

The 17th Annual Bataan Memorial Death March will be held at White Sands Missile Range, N.M., March 20. The memorial march recognizes the sacrifices made by thousands of U.S. and Filipino service members overwhelmed by the Japanese in the Philippine Islands during World War II.

The event is open to military (active duty, reserve, National Guard, ROTC, JROTC or retired) and civilian teams and individuals in either heavy or light divisions. Military personnel marching in any military category must wear full field gear. Civilian marchers in any category should wear attire appropriate for a road march through desert terrain. All marchers entered in heavy division categories must also carry a 35-pound rucksack.

Cost is \$40 for individuals and \$150 for a five-person team.

Deadlines are Feb. 19 for entry forms received by mail, Feb. 25 for entry forms received via fax and March 10 for on-line registration. If the 4,000 participant maximum is

reached before any of these deadlines, all forms of registration will close.

Registered participants will receive a commemorative T-shirt, a commemorative timing chip, a certificate, pre-event continental breakfast and post-event meal.

Those who finish the march will receive a commemorative dog tag.

For more information, call the White Sands Missile Range Community Recreation Division at 505-678-1256 or the Public Affairs Office at 505-678-1134, or visit the Web site at <http://www.bataan-march.com/>. Questions and comments may be e-mailed to bataan@wsmr.army.mil.

**Social Hour at Top of
the Bay**

Table tennis, darts and other activities are available at the Friday socials, 4 to 8 p.m., at Top of the Bay every Friday.

Look for future competitions with prizes to include tickets to local events and bus trips. Free snacks, music and more are available.

For more information, call MWR Registration.

**Military Christian
Center plans seven
trips for December**

The Military Christian Center has sightseeing and shopping trips scheduled for December. Pickup times and locations include:

Dec. 4, 1:30 p.m. pickup, Towson Shopping Mall.

Dec. 7, 6 p.m. pickup, International Student Christmas Banquet.

Dec. 11, 1:30 p.m. pickup, White Marsh Shopping Mall.

Dec. 12, 6:30 p.m. pickup, Philadelphia (Independence Hall, Liberty Bell, Shopping Mall).

Dec. 18, 9 a.m. pickup, Baltimore Inner Harbor (Civil War flagship, submarine, National Aquarium, shopping mall and more).

Dec. 19, 9 a.m. pickup, Rockvale Shopping Outlet.

Dec. 23, 7 p.m. pickup, Christmas Party - Noel Company.

All trips are free, with a donation of \$2.

The Military Christian Center is located at 16 N. Philadelphia Blvd., Aberdeen, and is open Friday through

Sunday.

Free home home-cooked meals and dorm facilities are available.

When a call is received, a member of the staff will pick up. The center is a practical place to hang out and relax for the weekend.

For more information, call 410-272-1144 after 8 p.m. Friday evening, or e-mail Winningsap@aol.com.

**Holiday refuse
removal schedule**

For the week of Christmas, Tuesday's Dec. 21 refuse removals are changed to Monday, Dec. 20; Thursday's Dec. 23 removals are moved to Tuesday, Dec. 21; and Friday's Dec. 24 removals are moved to Thursday, Dec. 23.

For the week of New Year's, Tuesday's Dec. 28 removals are moved to Monday, Dec. 27, Thursday's Dec. 30 removals are moved to Tuesday, Dec. 28, and Friday's Dec. 31 removals are moved to Thursday, Dec. 30.

There will be no trash pickup on Dec. 24 or Dec. 31.

The only scheduled pickup for Christmas trees is Monday, Jan. 10.

**TSP Catch up registration
ends Dec. 11**

TSP Catch-up for 2004 will stay in effect until the pay period ending Dec. 11.

Employees that desire to make new elections for TSPC for 2005 will be able to create those elections during the pay period Nov. 28 through Dec. 11, to be effective Dec. 12.

The limits for 2005 will increase from \$3,000 to \$4,000 annually. Due to the changing IRS limits, employees must make a new TSPC election each year.

A new chart for deductions, per pay period, will be placed on the ABC-C Web site prior to Nov. 28.

For more information, contact a servicing human resources assistant.

**Army seeks warrant
officer candidates**

The U.S. Army is looking for highly motivated Soldiers, Marines, Sailors, and Airmen to fill its warrant officer ranks.

Positions are open to qualified applicants in all 45 specialties. Applicants with less

than 12 years of active federal service are encouraged to apply.

For more information and all forms/documents required, visit www.usarec.army.mil/warrant, or call DSN 536-0328/0466/0271/1860/0458 /0484 or commercial 502-626-1860.

**Emmett Paige scholar-
ships available**

The Gen. Emmett Paige Scholarship provides funding to veterans, military personnel, and their family members who are majoring in specified fields in college for \$2,000.

This program is open to veterans and persons on active duty in the uniformed military services and to their spouses or family members who are currently enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year degree-granting institution in the United States. Veterans entering college as freshmen may apply. Spouses or family members must be sophomores or juniors.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens, be of good moral character, have demonstrated academic excellence, be motivated to complete a college education, and be working toward a degree in engineering (aerospace, chemical, computer, or electrical), mathematics, physics, or computer science with a GPA of 3.4 or higher.

For more information, visit <http://www.military.com/Education/ScholarShip/Profile/1,14220,0546,00.html>.

**Army Suggestion
Program On AKO**

Aberdeen Proving Ground is transitioning to the new Army-wide suggestion program located on AKO. To access, visit https://armysuggestions.army.mil/services/asp/asp_home.cfm.

There is also a link from www.apg.army.mil.

Users will need their AKO user name and password to access this site.

For more information, contact Marjorie Sexton, 410-278-0944, or e-mail marjorie.sexton1@us.army.mil.

**Intrepid Fallen
Heroes Fund**

The Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund provides unrestricted grants to the families of mili-

tary personnel who have given their lives in the current operations in defense of this country, including military operations in Afghanistan, Iraq, and elsewhere. The grants are intended to help families through any immediate or long-term financial difficulties they may face.

It is supported entirely by donations. Administrative costs are not deducted from donations.

The fund will provide support to the surviving spouses and/or children of United States and British uniformed military personnel killed in action in Operation Iraqi Freedom or Operation Enduring Freedom.

Through a special contribution from the Stamps Family Charitable Foundation, the fund will make an additional contribution of \$1,000 to the families of all U.S. troops lost in Iraq, regardless of whether they left behind a spouse or children.

For more information, visit http://intrepidmuseum.org/foundation_heroesfund.html.

To donate online to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund, visit http://intrepidmuseum.org/foundation_heroesfund_donate.html. Contributions may also be mailed directly using contribution form or made by phone at 1-800-340-HERO.

**Off-post leasing for
active duty card
holders**

The Office of the Staff Judge Advocate is available to discuss the finer points of off-post leasing with active duty ID card holders.

Many of the problems and unforeseen costs of residential leases can be avoided by reviewing the lease with an attorney prior to signing it.

An attorney can explain hard-to-understand "legal-ese" and the duties of both the landlord and the active duty ID card holder.

A legal assistance attorney can discuss lease termination and eviction rights under the Service members Civil Relief Act. Don't be caught later by the "fine print."

To schedule an appointment with an attorney, call OSJA Legal Assistance, 410-278-1583.

Secretary

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the Government and Environmental Services Company, and chief operating officer of the \$6 billion Industries and Technology Group.

Most recently Harvey was a director and vice chairman of Duratek, a company specializing in treating radioactive, hazardous and other wastes.

In his career he has been involved in one or more phases of over 20 major Department of Defense programs. Harvey earned his doctorate in metallurgy and material sciences from the University of Pennsylvania and his bachelor of science at the University of Notre Dame in Metallurgy Engineering and Material Science.

He was a White House Fellow in the U.S. Department of Defense in the late 1970s.

Harvey succeeds Les Brownlee, who served as the acting secretary of the Army for the past 18 months.

"I want to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Secretary Les Brownlee for his leadership and stewardship of the Army over the past 18 months," Schoomaker said. "I speak for the entire Army family when I say his tireless efforts - to build a campaign-quality Army with joint and expeditionary capabilities, to equip our Soldiers with the best equipment and to improve their quality of life - will have an impact on the Army and ensure we remain relevant and ready for decades to come."

Veterans

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"It's important for people to know everything about World War II," said Post 8175 member Raymond F. Russo. A former member of the U.S. Army Air Corps who served with the 315th Bomb Wing, 485th Bomb Squadron in Guam during the war in the Pacific, Russo provided a display on "The Last Mission" that detailed the squadron's sorties over Japan after the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

"People think the atom bomb ended the war but that's not the whole story," Russo said.

A flight engineer on a B-29 bomber, Russo said he participated in a formation of 143 bombers that targeted refineries on the northwest corner of the island of Hon Shu on Aug. 15, 1944.

"We hit targets about 1:30 a.m.," Russo said, adding that for the round trip mission, a 3,800-mile trek from North West Field in Guam and back, his aircraft carried 7,700 gallons of fuel, and 28 500-pound bombs.

"Some of the planes carried 160 1,000-pound incendiary bombs," Russo said.

He said the sorties eliminated 98 percent of Japanese fuel stores.

"On the way back, while over Iwojima, the government broke radio silence and announced that Japan had surrendered," Russo said.

He said at that point, dangerously low on fuel, the aircraft's engines began failing and that they "just barely" made it back to their mission before the engines failed completely.

"We were totally out of fuel and had to be towed off the airstrip so the others could land," Russo said. "By the grace of God, every one of our aircraft returned."

Russo said he shares his experiences with school children at every opportunity. He was the guest speaker at a Kent County high school on Veterans Day.

"I just want people to know the war was not just about Iwojima and A-bombs," he said. "I want them to know the whole story."

HHC

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Baskets overflowing with holiday foods and snacks sit on a table in the HHC 61st Orderly room, awaiting delivery to HHC 61st Ordnance Brigade families for the Thanksgiving holiday.

one Soldier in the unit has six children. "We selected the most eligible Soldiers based on need."

He thanked the Warrant Officers Association, which donated \$150, the Family Wellness Group, "and everyone within HHC 61st who made this happen for our Soldiers and their families."

The large, wicker laundry baskets, packed full of canned goods, fruits, cereals, cookies, Jell-O mixes, soups, eggs and various other items, were presented to Soldiers who reported to the orderly room in 30-minute increments throughout the day.

"They know we did it but they don't know for whom," Morant said. "Their platoon

sergeants will send them down but they don't tell them why."

One such NCO, Sgt. Andrew Bingham, said he was pleased to accept the thoughtful gift.

Stationed on Aberdeen Proving Ground just over a

year, and in the Army for nine years, Bingham said he is the father of "two-and-one-half" children.

"We have one on the way," Bingham said as he accepted the turkey and basket from Thomas. "It's nice of them to do this for my family."